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 National Transportation Safety Board FACTUAL REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: FTW88IA109			
		Occurrence Date: 05/24/1988			
		Occurrence Type: Incident			
Landing Facility/Approach Information					
Airport Name	Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used 0	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:					
Runway Surface Condition:					
Type Instrument Approach: NONE					
VFR Approach/Landing: Forced Landing					
Aircraft Information					
Aircraft Manufacturer BOEING		Model/Series 737-3T0		Serial Number 23838	
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Transport					
Landing Gear Type: Retractable - Tricycle					
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats: 146	Certified Max Gross Wt.	135500 LBS	Number of Engines: 2	
Engine Type: Turbo Fan	Engine Manufacturer: GE	Model/Series: CFM56-3B1	Rated Power: 20000 LBS		
- Aircraft Inspection Information					
Type of Last Inspection Continuous Airworthiness	Date of Last Inspection 05/1988	Time Since Last Inspection 10 Hours	Airframe Total Time 81 Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information					
ELT Installed? Yes	ELT Operated? No	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site? No			
Owner/Operator Information					
Registered Aircraft Owner POLARIS AIRCRAFT LEASING CORP.		Street Address FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER			
		City SAN FRANCISCO	State CA	Zip Code 94111	
Operator of Aircraft TACA INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES		Street Address P.O. BOX 20047			
		City KENNER	State LA	Zip Code 70141	
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code: TAIF		
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held:					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):					
Operating Certificate: Large Aircraft Operator			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 129: Foreign					
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Scheduled; International; Passenger/Cargo					
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Sex: M	Seat Occupied: Left	Principal Profession: Civilian Pilot			Certificate Number: On File																																																																															
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Medical Cert.: Class 1		Medical Cert. Status: Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.			Date of Last Medical Exam: 03/1988																																																																															
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Weather Information					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
NEW	1253	CDT	9 Ft. MSL	5 NM	300 Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Unknown			0 Ft. AGL		Condition of Light: Day
Lowest Ceiling: Broken			4500 Ft. AGL		Visibility: 8 SM Altimeter: 29.00 "Hg
Temperature: 25 °C		Dew Point: 22 °C		Wind Direction: 170	Density Altitude: Ft.
Wind Speed: 10		Gusts:		Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions	
Visibility (RVR): 0 Ft.		Visibility (RVV) 0 SM		Intensity of Precipitation: Moderate	
Restrictions to Visibility: None					
Type of Precipitation: Rain; Rain Showers					
Accident Information					
Aircraft Damage: Minor			Aircraft Fire: None		Aircraft Explosion: None
Classification: U.S. Registered/Foreign Oper.					
- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot				1	1
Second Pilot				1	1
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot				1	1
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants				4	4
Other Crew					
Passengers				38	38
- TOTAL ABOARD -				45	45
Other Ground	0	0	0		0
- GRAND TOTAL -	0	0	0	45	45

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Administrative Information

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

WARREN V. WANDEL

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:

JOHN ABEL
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BATON ROUGE, LA